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DEQ announces 2008 Keep Louisiana Beautiful awards

BATON ROUGE - The Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality presented their awards in West Monroe on Aug. 22 during the 5th Annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference. Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit organization, supports the conference.

The Keep Louisiana Beautiful awards are designed to give special recognition to organizations that have developed outstanding litter prevention, beautification and community improvement, waste reduction and law enforcement programs in their communities. Recipients of the awards may include: nonprofit, civic, community organizations, youth groups, schools, government agencies, businesses and professional organizations. There are four award categories.

The Waste Reduction category recognizes efforts to minimize the impact of waste and promote responsible waste handling in communities. The first place award in Waste Reduction went to St. Margaret Science Club for their efforts in addressing the waste issues of the Lake Charles area. The second place award went to Valero St. Charles Refinery and the third place award went to Deputy Wayne Heckford of Ouachita Parish.

The Law Enforcement category recognizes the law enforcement organization that has done the most to promote a clean Louisiana, either through education or the issuance of litter citations. The first place award in Law Enforcement went to Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries, Law Enforcement Division for their Gross Littering Enforcement Project. The second place award went to Deputy Richard Elam of Ouachita Parish.

The Beautification and Community Improvement category honors efforts to improve, beautify, and preserve the visual aspects of communities. The first place award will go to the partnership of US Corps of Engineers, Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful, Keep West Monroe Beautiful and Keep Monroe Beautiful for their Ouachita River Water Sweep project. Monsanto Company, Luling Plant took the second place award and third place went to SDT Waste and Debris Services, LLC.

The Litter Prevention category award is in recognition of litter prevention activities that were used to change the attitudes and behaviors of citizens in communities. First place award went to Corps of Engineers and Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful for their litter awareness and education programs. The City of Alexandria won the second place award and Neighborhood Leaders of Alexandria received third.

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